## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2003-86-C and 2008-406-C - ORDER NO. 2009-357

JUNE 9, 2009

IN RE:	Docket No. 2003-86-C – Application of	)	ORDER APPROVING
	Consolidated Communications Operator	)	NAME MODIFICATION
	Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Public	)	
	Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	
	Operator Assisted Telecommunications	)	
	Services	)	
		)	
	and	)	
		)	
	Docket No. 2008-406-C – Application of	)	
	Consolidated Communications Operator	)	
	Services, Inc. and Consolidated	)	
	Communications Network Services, Inc. (to	)	
	be known as Consolidated Communications	)	
	Enterprise Services, Inc.) for Authority to	)	
	Transfer the Certificate of Public	)	
	Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	
	Operator Assisted Telecommunications	)	
	Services in South Carolina	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. ("CCES" or the "Company") for approval of a modification of the Company's name by which it will be doing business in South Carolina. CCES proposes to adopt Consolidated Communications Operator Services as a new "doing business as" (d/b/a) or trade name with regard to offering telecommunications services in South Carolina. CCES is presently certificated by this Commission to provide telecommunications services within

the State of South Carolina pursuant to Order No. 2008-850, issued December 19, 2008. By letter from the Company's Senior Manager-Regulatory, received February 3, 2009, CCES advises the Commission of the Company's desire to do business in South Carolina using a d/b/a name of Consolidated Communications Operator Services.

Upon receipt of CCES' request, the Commission's Docketing Department instructed the Company to publish, one time, a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas of the state affected by the request. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the request of CCES and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. The Company complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 13, 2009, the Commission reviewed the case before it, and after due consideration, the Commission concluded that the request of CCES for approval of an addition of a trade name to the Company's name should be granted. The Commission's records will hereby be amended to reflect CCES' adoption of the trade name of Consolidated Communications Operator Services.

In Order No. 2008-850 (*Order Approving Transfer of Certificate*), the Commission approved the Joint Application of Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. ("CCOS") and Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. ("CCNS") for authority to transfer the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide operator assisted telecommunications services from CCOS to CCNS as the result of an internal corporate restructuring, and upon the transfer of CCOS' Certificate to

CCNS, CCOS' corporate existence ceased. Additionally as a result of the internal reorganization, CCNS' corporate name was changed to the company's present name of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. We note that the Commission's record for CCOS' certification docket (Docket No. 2003-86-C) remains open although according to the Joint Application of CCOS and CCNS (Docket No. 2008-406-C), filed October 28, 2008, and as approved by Order No. 2008-850, CCOS' corporate existence would cease upon completion of the corporate reorganization. Furthermore, it is maintained in the Joint Application that upon completion of the internal reorganization, CCOS would make a filing with the Commission to cancel and withdraw its tariff effective January 1, 2009. We find that the certification record of CCOS (Docket No. 2003-86-C) should be finalized and that the appropriate request/document(s) should be filed to do so.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the request of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (Docket No. 2008-406-C) for approval of the addition of "doing business as" (d/b/a) or trade name to the Company's name is approved, and Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. is hereby authorized to utilize "Consolidated Communications Operator Services" as a trade name for its telecommunications services provided in South Carolina.
- 2. That the appropriate request/document(s) be filed with the Commission to finalize the certification docket for Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., Docket No. 2003-86-C.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

John L. Howard, Vice Chairman

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